



Queen Anne Cobblestone

The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA

September, 2009

Del Loder Receives Lifetime Achievement Award in Scouting

Del Loder began working with the Queen Anne Historical Society in 1992, when he wrote the cemetery chapter for our history of Queen Anne. That's 17 years ago.

But that's nothing. He has been working with the Boy Scouts of America since 1944. That's 65 years ago.

Last month, in recognition of his decades of service with the Boy Scouts and the scouting Order of the Arrow, both locally in Seattle and nationally, Del was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Order of the Arrow. He is one of only 4 people thus far so honored.



The award was given at the National Order of the Arrow Convention at Indiana University in early August. Several thousand

scouts of all ages stood and applauded as Del received his award and presented a speech on "The Power of One". Del reported, "It was the best experience of my life."

THE QUEEN ANNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS AYP CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

AT THE SWEDISH CULTURAL CENTER

1920 DEXTER AVE. N., SEATTLE

WED. SEPT. 30, 5:00 PM

The Seattle Swedish enclave played a prominent role in the 1909 Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition. The local community erected an on site Swedish building, consisting of a reading room and large gathering hall. A year ago, the Swedish Cultural Center discovered they were in possession of one of the visitor sign-in logs for that building. The log includes entries from the fair's opening on June 1, 1909 through August 21, 1909 — containing the signatures and comments of 15,000 visitors — and will be on display at the SCC along with artifacts for the extensive AYP collection of Magnolia resident, Dan Kerlee.

The first speaker is Michael Herschensohn, manager of the AYP Centennial Celebration for the City of Seattle's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, speaking on "The arrival of President Taft at AYP on September 30, 1909." Darcey Quinn will follow with "Welcome to AYP Swedish Style." Mimi Sheridan, architectural historian and preservation consultant, will conclude with "AYP comes to Queen Anne & and The Swedish Community Involvement in AYP."

Entertainment will be provided by well know performers Lori Ann Reinhall and Jim Nelson (Duo Scandinavica), presenting vintage tunes composed for the 1909 AYP.

This dinner meeting is replete with authentic Swedish fare, and so there will be a \$35.00 charge. This event is open to the public. You do not need to be a QAHS or SCC member to attend.

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P.O. BOX 19432, SEATTLE, WA 98109**

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contact Leona Wilkinson, 206-438-2740.*



Thanks to our members!

Thanks for having renewed your annual membership for 2009. Talk to your friends and neighbors about also becoming members. **We need everybody's support.**

Questions? Call Membership Chair, Tara Lawrence, 206-281-8430 , tara@qahistory.org.

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CALENDAR OF HERITAGE EVENTS

Wed. Sept. 30, 2009 (Note date change)

QAHS Program: A special dinner program at the Swedish Cultural Center. The evening includes a social hour, AYP historical displays, an authentic Swedish dinner and a program on the Swedish community's role in the AYP Exposition. 1920 Dexter Ave. N. Time 5:00 pm, program at 7 pm. Reservations required. (See story page 1)

Wed. Nov. 18, 2009 (Note date and time change)

QAHS Program: Preservation as part of today's green building movement. McClure Middle School Library, 7:00 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

Wed. Jan. 27 2010

QAHS Program: Details forthcoming. McClure Middle School Library, 7:00 pm. Free/Donations appreciated.

Two Board Members Step Down

Our Society's Board of Trustees recently lost two valuable long-time members as Isabel Egglin and Bruce Jones stepped down to pursue other interests.

Isabel became involved in Queen Anne history when she joined the history book project in 1991 as photo researcher. She joined the board in 1994 and has been a participant since then. She has been the primary developer of the society's efforts to work with local schools and, along with Kim Turner, started our very popular Mt. Pleasant Cemetery tours for both adults and students. Isabel has served as our liaison with the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce and other groups and has extensive contacts in the heritage community.

Bruce joined the board in 2001 and soon took over the development and maintenance of our website, www.qahistory.org. The original website was one of the earliest in King County historical circles and under Bruce's guidance has grown to become a model for local historical organizations. In 2005 Bruce also took on organizing the society's archives and getting it logged into a database. He has become an expert on internet research of local history

and was instrumental in getting the Treat House landmarked.

Both have served as QAHS presidents. We will miss both of these valued members and wish them well in their other activities.

Your history, our history

As any self-respecting historian would tell you, culling meaning out of the millions of events that occur in any period of time – short or long -- is both difficult and precarious. Whose history are we telling? Should it be social history? Economic history? Political history? The history of victors? The history of the common person?

Everyone will differ on what is important, but perhaps the safest statement is that everything is important in some way. And, the best history is that which encompasses as many perspectives as possible. Therefore, the Cobblestone seeks your interpretation of Queen Anne history. What is your view? Are there events that you consider significant to the Hill's past that help explain its present? Are there places that have been overlooked but have made an impact? When and on whom? Are there faces in the past – even among us today – that are 'history makers'? And what about Al's Hamburgers?

We want to know! Please share your ideas by either emailing the Cobblestone editor at mark@qahistory.org, or dropping a packet by 912 2nd Avenue W.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community in Seattle, WA and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Former 7th Church of Christ, Scientist Landmark Designation Approved by City Board

September 14, 2009

by Leanne Olson

Queen Anne Historical Society Landmarks Preservation Committee

On June 17, 2009, the (former) 7th Church of Christ, Scientist located at 2555 8th Avenue West, designed by Harlan Thomas (Thomas & Grainger) in 1926, was designated a City of Seattle Landmark by unanimous vote of the Landmarks Board at its semi-monthly meeting. This designation brings the total number of City of Seattle Landmarks located in the Queen Anne district to 33, including two other buildings designed by Harlan Thomas: the Chelsea Apartments (1907) and the Queen Anne Library (1913, Somervell & Thomas).

The landmark report for the church was prepared and presented by Larry Johnson, AIA, principal of The Johnson Partnership, with the assistance of Queen Anne Historical Society Landmarks Preservation Committee members, Char Eggleston and Leanne Olson. Also in attendance were two granddaughters of architect Harlan Thomas (Coquie Thomas Todd and Edith Williams Shuman) as well as Jay

Kelly, Minister of the Seattle Church of Christ (current owners of the property). All ten Board members present voted unanimously to approve the designation based on the building meeting three of the six designation criteria specified by the City of Seattle Landmarks ordinance. The Board agreed that the property met their criteria D, E and F because it embodies distinctive visible characteristics of an architectural style, is an outstanding work of a designer, and is an easily identifiable visual feature of its neighborhood. The designation covers the exterior of the building, main entrance foyer including the two cloakrooms, the auditorium including the speaker's platform, and the site.

Among the many rewarding encounters experienced during the landmarking process for this wonderful building, was the opportunity to meet three of the architect's granddaughters, Coquie Thomas Todd (daughter of Donald Thomas), Joanne Williams Holcomb and Edith Williams Shuman (daughters of Dorothy Thomas Williams). Joanne Holcomb related fond memories of her grandfather. She often went to visit him at his cabin on the Stillaguamish River, where he did all the cooking and enjoyed playing dominoes, in addition to

devoting much time to landscape painting. Joanne was a history major at the University of Washington in 1953 when her grandfather passed away. She remembered that the flag was flown at half mast in honor of Professor Emeritus Harlan Thomas, who had served as head of the University's Department of Architecture between 1926 and 1940.

The Landmarks Preservation Committee expressed its gratitude for the generous support of the Society's Board of Trustees during the 2½ year campaign to save and landmark this architectural treasure, which will enable it to endure for the enjoyment of the Queen Anne community for many years to come.

AYP Walking Tour August 8



Thomas Horton addresses the crowd in front of the De La Mar apartments. The group then re-convened just up the hill at the Ankeny House, another landmark supported by the Society.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne: Community on the Hill*, or the new *Stairs Map*. Mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover book: **\$25**
(**\$20 for members**)

Hard cover book: **\$45**
(**\$40 for members**)

Stairs Map: **\$5**

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Hard cover qty: _____; Cost _____

Stairs Map qty: _____; Cost _____

Plus mailing costs at \$3/book

or \$1.50/map: _____

Total Cost: \$ _____

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Coming up:

A Special Dinner Meeting of QAHS at the Swedish Cultural Center. Program on Swedish role in the AYP Exposition, with displays.

Wed. Sept. 30 at 5:00 pm. Story on page one.

KIM'S MUSINGS

Remembering Past Triumphs

It was with a bit of hopefulness that I left home the morning of August 23rd to help set up the tables and foodstuffs at the Centennial Picnic of the Queen Anne High School Alumni Association.

By 10:30 many of the tents and tables were ready, balloons tied at strategic locations around the picnic site to "lure" the alums to the feast! Then the sun burst through the clouds, deciding to bless us with its radiance. Hard to say which was brighter – the sun, or the spirits of the 250+ (some have said 300) former Grizzlies who showed up for the feast. Al's hamburger grill, used for so many years at Queen Anne and Galer Street, was again a highlight for the alums. Hamburgers, hot dogs, all grilled right there, and the assorted salads, side dishes, fruit and desserts, all made for a pleasant time.

Most of the alums simply exchanged greetings and shared memories. The class of 1964, however, was holding their 45th reunion and had a separate booth east of the

main tents. Attendees ranged from the class of 1934 through the class of 1981. Everyone hopes that we can obtain the same venue for next year. We were at the new John Hay Elementary School, right across the street from the former high school, and everyone enjoyed singing both the Queen Anne Fight Song, as well as the Alma Mater. Our memories included a few singing excerpts from several of the school musicals, and attention was given to those who held the day's titles for "largest class in attendance;" "largest family in attendance (all had to be alums);" and both earliest and youngest class members present. Logo items were given as prizes.

The event brought back many memories to me, both of fellow classmates and events which occurred along our way through life. It was a day to remember, and worth the time it took for our alumni board to pull it together. This was our 19th annual picnic, which has been held in several places: Lower Woodland Park, Magnolia park, Gas Works Park and this year's venue. For those of us who grew up on Queen Anne Hill, it was a true homecoming!

Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHS

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